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The Search Division considers that the present application, or one or more of its claims, does/do not comply with the EPC to such an extent that a meaningful search into the state of the art cannot be carried out, or can only be carried out partially, for these claims.			
Claims searched completely :			
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Claim(s) searched incompletely:
20,21

Claim(s) not searched:
12,13,19

Reason for the limitation of the search:

Present claims 12, 13, 19, 20, 21 relate to products defined by a parameter or property, namely the ability to bind to the claimed molecules, to yield a biological activity or to act either agonistically or antagonistically. The use of these parameters in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 84 EPC. It is impossible to compare the parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible. Consequently, no search has been carried out for claims 12, 13, 19 and for those parts of claims 20 and 21, that relate to the above mentioned products. Moreover, the claims cover all products having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides no support within the meaning of Article 84 EPC and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search is impossible.

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